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by W. Gartrell

"God give us MEN. The time demands Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and willing hands; Men whom the lust of office does not kill; Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy; Men who possess opinions and a will; Men who have honor; men who will not lie; Men who can stand before a demagogue And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking; Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog In public duty and in private thinking! For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn creeds, Their large professions and their little deeds Mingle in selfish strife; lo! Freedom weeps! Wrong rules the land, and waiting Justice sleeps!"

—J. G. HOLLAND.

With snow fences neatly rolled and ready to be stored, the Equinox safely passed and the Spring Races but a breath away—it's safe prediction—
SPRING IS HERE!

Two local members of the Izaak Walton League came near having their taste for angling rudely shattered Sunday afternoon as they sought a likely fishing hole on Goose Creek over near Goose Creek Tavern. Emmett Leach and Eddie Waddell had fished for sometime without success and were trekking upstream looking for a sheltered spot in which to cast their flies when Leach saw something that looked like a man standing nearly upright in a still, deep pool. Closer scrutiny showed such to be the case and when the anglers got

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ROSE TREE CLOSES HUNT RACE SEASON IN PHILA.

The Rose Tree Fox Hunt Club Spring Race Meeting on Wednesday May 18th., and Saturday, May 21st., will culminate what promises to be one of the most interesting and brilliant series of hunt race meetings that have been held in years in and about Philadelphia. Those who attended the Rose Tree Races, in Media, Pa., last year will remember that this meeting was one of the best in the long years of race meetings that this venerable Club has held extending over 79 years, continuously since 1859.

Starting with the White Marsh Races on Saturday, May 7, hunt race devotees will have three events to look forward to, as the Radnor Races are on Wednesday and Saturday of the following week.

Pimlico is making over its steeple- Continued on Page Five

Moffett Triumphs At Orange County

Final Point To Point Meeting Of Season Run Over Ideal Country As Climax To Series

The Orange County Point-to-Point, last Saturday, a finale to the old fashioned hunter races, was held over the best course ever selected in recent years for such an event. The course was ideally situated for spectators and a superb test for both horse and rider. Horace Moffett riding Mrs. John Hay Whitney's Sky Painter again duplicated his performance of the previous week when he took the laurels at Middleburg, and eased in three lengths to the good ahead of his stable-mate, Spar, ridden by George Roberts Slater.

On a hill near the George Garretts' home, approximately a thousand gathered on a miserable rainy afternoon to see eleven go to the post, shortly after three o'clock. Robert Young, who had laid out the course, is to be commended for his consideration of spectators in putting on a real sporting spectacle; and for wearing a bright pink coat so as to be easily discernible as he made the running most of the way. The five and three quarter miles of post and rail, chicken coop and stone walls was about a 3-4 circle, of five flags, with riders going anti-clockwise in full-view 75 per cent of the way.

Up at the first flag, where Shelt Glascock checked them in, Billy Hubert, youngest to go, and third to finish, (first owner-up), was close in on the pace made by Mr. Young and Mr. Slater. They hadn't really

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LASSITUDE 2ND FAVORITE FOR DEEP RUN HUNT RACES

Independence Boy, William B. Streett's good hunter, which won the pair race at Warrenton Point-to-Point last month, now leased to W. B. Ruthrauff, will be the co-favorite with Lassitude II, owned by Col. Wyndham Torr in the Deep Run Hunt Cup tomorrow. A hunting-hunter trained by Mr. Streett comes by this position of co-favorite with his stellar performance last week when he ran 2nd to the great Ostend, winner of the Carolina Cup.

Both Independence Boy and Lassitude II will carry near top weights, with the great mare, winner of four in 1936, giving the gelding several pounds. Were Ostend running tomorrow, he would be weighted with 168 pounds. Lassitude II won the Huntingdon Valley Challenge Cup, the Blue Ridge Hunt Cup in her '36 triumphs, and was 8 lengths the leader in the New Jersey Hunt Cup, the same year when she fell. Jack Skinner, her trainer/rider will be up. The mare ran in the Virginia Gold Cup last spring, but she developed a bad

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MIDDLEBURG DRAWS TOP HORSES TO RACE IN \$1,000 TIMBER CLASSIC

8,000 Watch Ostend Win Carolina Cup

Trainer Henry Frost Sends Mrs. Gould's Bay Gelding Out To Win First 1938 Victory

That indomitable little spirit of horse flesh, Ostend, winner of six outings last year, began his 1938 hunt-meeting career successfully in snatching the lead at the last jump to win the 9th running of the Carolina Cup Steeplechase. It was Ostend's first outing and Mrs. Frank M. Gould's bay gelding was in contention throughout, though another William B. Streett trained, Independence Boy extended the winner.

Over 8,000 spectators were on hand, to stand in the drizzle and see Middleburg's well known trainer-rider Henry Frost send Ostend over the three miles of timber, winding through the woods in 6:05-3-5. Jack Skinner was up on Corn Dodger, second favorite, winner of laurels at Sandhills the previous meeting, but found great difficulty in rating his mount. The Rokeby Stables entry ran more than a full 1-4 of a mile further than was necessary due to a tendency to run out. Despite "running all over the place", Corn Dodger jumped cleanly though propping badly finished third and made the

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GRAND NATIONAL WINNER TO STAND AT MONTPELIER

Battleship, the mighty eleven year old son of Man O'War, winner of the Grand National Classic last month, will return to Virginia sometime this month and to stand again at stud on the Montpelier Farm of Mrs. Marion du Pont Scott. The first American-owned-and-bred winner at Aintree stood at Montpelier in 1935, before being put back into training and sent to England.

Insurance carried on Battleship, the amount not divulged, has already been changed to read "at stud" instead of "steeplechasing". Mrs. Scott's National horse will join Annapolis, also by Man O'War, Lancegaye and Hydromel already there.

Carroll Bassett, who guided Battleship to win in his last American triumphs, went over for the Grand National. On sailing, following Mrs. Scott's: "I think he will win if he has any luck"—Mr. Bassett remarked: "I still say I don't think he's that much of a horse". On returning he brought out that Battleship's experience on the flat enabled him to win in the final 1-4 mile run-in.

Twelve Races To Be Run Over Glenwood Course

April 16th & 20th

Comparative in size to the great Battleshire, the diminutive Ostend owned by Mrs. Frank M. Gould, New York, winner of six outings last season and his debut this year, the Carolina Cup, is declared the favorite in the Middleburg Cup Steeplechase over timber, Saturday, April 16 according to Daniel C. Sands, Racing Secretary. Corn Dodger, of the Rokeby Stables owned by the Paul Mellons of Pittsburgh and Upperville, will be weighted right near the top for the richest timber purse of the spring meetings, which carries \$1,000 and a plate.

Both Ostend and Corn Dodger are passing up the Deep Run Hunt Cup timber test this week, and are being vigorously prepared for the Middleburg classic. Eleven subscriptions have been taken out for this feature of the six card first day of Middleburg's two day meeting. April 20, Wednesday also has a well balanced card, with two races over the big brush course, two hurdle events a timber and a flat.

The 18th Annual Loudoun County Hospital Benefit, April 16 and 20, to be run over the famed 10 year old turf of the Glenwood course will bring out the best 'chasers in years. Since Pimlico Race Assn. will have no steeplechasing this year, due to track renovation, many of the outstanding campaigners will be headed for the heavy pursed brush events.

The programs of both days beginning promptly at 2 P.M. with the Sunnybank, 1 1-2 miles over hurdles as the curtain raiser on the opening day. The William Skinner Memorial, Continued on Page Five

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DION KERR HAS 5 READY FOR MIDDLEBURG RACES

Dion K. Kerr, well known gentleman rider and trainer of the Verner Z. Reed's Sandy Hills Stables, who has wintered in Southern Pines, arrived back in Middleburg Monday with five outstanding 'chasers that he is heading for the Middleburg Races on April 16 and 20. Among these horses are Miss Maude Stevenson's (Long Island) Trojan Racket, a good performer in the early Carolina hunt-meetings, and Sandy Woods Stable's Vigilance, Little Hurd and Palm Springs.

The Middleburg Spring Races, held as a Loudoun County Hospital benefit, will have six races on the card each day. April 16, Saturday, the \$1,000. Middleburg Cup Steeplechase great timber test will be run. This is the richest timber classic in the Spring-hunt-meeting circuit.

The Horseman's News

Teddy Tops List Of Leading Va. Sires

The winnings of our Virginia stallions' seventy four sons and daughters, all of which brought in some ninety three odd victories between them last month, form a total of \$60,047, a shade below February's sum of \$60,560.

This time it is the late Teddy whose name stands at the head of the month's ten leading money winning sires, his get's various triumphs

adding up to \$6,390. Chief among these is that good five year old performer Ivermark, from Jobella Stable, whose recent scoring in the Sacramento Handicap added to a former victory at Santa Anita on March 2nd gives him a total of \$2,015. Others are Tedmilia and Valted, likewise winners at Santa Anita on the 2nd; Tedium and Teddy Green who scored there on the 4th and 5th; Quincy who captured the Santa Rosa Purse at Tropical Park on the 8th; and Masker who followed with another victory at the Gables track on the 12th.

Light; a Stepinfetchit colt, H. McLeod's Dicty Step; Sun Madras, a Sun Beau gelding from Corsicana Stable; W. Wick's Happy Argo gelding Gayset; F. Coppa's Scotch Broom mare Pepper Patch; Mrs. F. Warner's Time Maker filly Taxi; and J. S. Summers' Westwick gelding Bailiwick.

Oaklawn Park's thirty day spring meeting ended last Saturday with three victories the preceding day going to Mrs. D. Hurn's Judge Hay colt Red Hay, his third this month; Rozier Dulany, Jr.'s Lucullite gelding Spittenimage; and J. Oran's Waygood gelding Waygood Lad. In all nineteen winners throughout the week have accrued a total of \$15,525.

Following is a complete list of winners, throughout the week beginning Wednesday, March 30, and ending Tuesday, April 5, which have been

bred in Virginia or sired by stallions now standing in the state.

Mar. 30, Light, 5, ch. m., (Dunlin —Super Ray), S. Levine, Tropical Park, 1 1-16 mil., \$700.

Mar. 31, Dicty Step, ch. c., (Stepinfetchit—Dicty), H. McLeod, Tropical Park, 4 furlongs, 2 year olds, \$600.

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List of Money-Making Va. Sires for March

1. Teddy, (deceased), Kentmere Stud, Boyce, Va., 8 wins.....	\$6,390
2. Gino, Court Manor Stud, New Market, Va., 1 win.....	5,450
3. Genie, (deceased), Court Manor Stud, New Market, Va., 6 wins..	3,350
4. Omar Khayyam, Ingleside Farm, Charlottesville, Va., 4 wins..	3,350
5. Pompey, Ellerslie Stud, Charlottesville, Va., 4 wins.....	2,525
6. Happy Argo, Blue Ridge Stud, Upperville, Va., 4 wins.....	2,375
7. Westwick, Ingleside Farm, Charlottesville, Va., 4 wins.....	2,235
8. Messenger, Walnut Hall Farms, Boyce, Va., 5 wins.....	2,125
9. The Satrap, Walnut Hall Farms, Boyce, Va., 4 wins.....	2,100
10. Dunlin, Raspberry Plains, Leesburg, Va., 3 wins.....	2,050
11. Waygood, U. S. Remount Depot, Front Royal, Va., 4 wins.....	2,035
12. Judge Hay, Twin Oaks Farm, Warrenton, Va., 4 wins.....	1,960
13. Bright Knight, Audley Farm, Berryville, Va., 4 wins.....	1,922
14. Petee Wrack, Ellerslie Stud, Charlottesville, Va., 3 wins.....	1,900
15. Sun Beau, Court Manor Stud, New Market, Va., 3 wins.....	1,900
16. Strolling Player, Audley Farm, Berryville, Va., 3 wins.....	1,750
17. Our General, Burrland Farm, Middleburg, Va., 3 wins.....	1,725
18. Neddie, Court Manor Stud, New Market, Va., 2 wins.....	1,500
19. Milkman, Rolling Plains Farm, The Plains, Va., 2 wins.....	1,300
20. Sun Briar, Court Manor Stud, New Market, Va., 2 wins.....	1,275
21. Chilhowee, U. S. Remount Depot, Front Royal, Va., 2 wins.....	1,125
22. Dark Hero, The Meadow, Doswell, Va., 2 wins.....	1,125
23. By Pass II, Sundridge Farm, Upperville, Va., 2 wins.....	860
24. On Watch, Westover Farm, Charlottesville, Va., 1 win.....	800
25. Flag Pole, U. S. Remount Depot, Front Royal, Va., 1 win.....	700
26. Time Maker, Rockridge Farm, Leesburg, Va., 1 win.....	700
27. Westy Hogan, Archwood Manor, The Plains, Va., 1 win.....	685
28. Whiskaway, The Meadow, Doswell, Va., 2 wins.....	685
29. Sumair, Burrland Farm, Middleburg, Va., 1 win.....	650
30. Brown Prince II (deceased), U. S. Remount Depot, Front Royal, Va., 1 win.....	625
31. Colin, (deceased), Belray Farm, Middleburg, Va., 1 win.....	625
32. Stepinfetchit, Llangollen Farms, Upperville, Va., 1 win.....	600
33. Trace Call, Audley Farm, Berryville, Va., 1 win.....	525
34. Dress Parade, Ravensworth Farm, Fairfax, Va., 1 win.....	425
35. Mud, Woodley Farm, Berryville, Va., 1 win.....	425
36. Traumer (deceased), Court Manor Stud, New Market, Va., 1 win.....	260
TOTAL.....	\$60,047

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7 Va. Breds Win 8 As Bowie Track Opens

With the spotlight of Eastern racing focussed once more on our Maryland neighbors while a new season gets under way, seven individuals have already brought more laurels to the names of their Virginia sires by their eight victorious performances during the opening four days at Bowie.

Most notable of these, of course, is Sun Egret whose six furlong triumph over Parmelee T. and Clocks in the Rowe Memorial Handicap last Saturday made this his fifth win in seven starts since early in January and, with the purse of \$4,250, brought his earnings up to \$20,325 so far in his three year old year, including first monies only. Thus with the Santa Maria Stakes, the San Pasquale and the San Vicente Handicaps added to his last victory, this great Sun Briar—Polly Egret colt of A. C. Compton's is a formidable contender for the Bowie Handicap tomorrow.

As the twelve day meet, which inaugurates Maryland's 1938 season, opened on Friday, April 1, with a track somewhat muddled by persistent rain, Lurman Stewart's Abdicate, three year old son of Dunlin, captur-

ed the five and a half furlong initial event while the same day came to a close with the honors in the last, a mile and sixteenth claiming race, going to R. S. Clark's Passing Eve, five year old daughter of By Pass II.

The following day previous to the Sun Briar colt's success, the opening event, a four furlong contest for two year olds, was annexed by William Zeigler, Jr.'s Polly Fair, a Polydor filly, while Mrs. F. C. Dunn's Royal Tread and W. Sweeney's Chilly Ebrie garnered the last two in the order named. The former is a five year old gelded son of St. Henry and the latter a five year old mare by Chilhowee.

On Monday, April 4, a son of Teddy wound up the day's activities when the B. F. Christmas horse Departed, took command of the final event, while H. P. Metcalf's Abbot's Nymph gelding Abbot's Hour was second.

Again on Tuesday Mrs. Dunn's good St. Henry gelding Royal Tread scored, this time sweeping ahead with ease in a mile and one eighth claiming race, his second triumph in three days.

Meanwhile, no less than eight sons and daughters of Virginia sires have ranked among Tropical Park's winners during the past week. Among them another St. Henry, Mrs. C. P. Lindner's Bob Charlie, while the others were S. Levine's Dunlin mare

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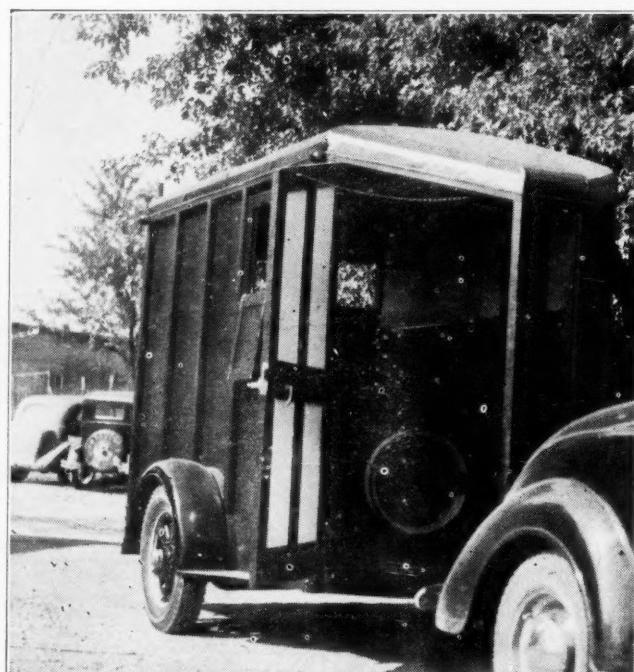
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(Editors' Note: In the following article, we have attempted to make certain mention of most of the Virginia Stud Farms and stallions. We will be pleased to be advised of any omissions. We have attempted to compile a complete list of all establishments and stallions, as no publication in the United States has one on record. We ask for the backing and cooperation of the Virginia breeders in the effort to complete the most accurate list possible.)

At the time DIOMED, the winner of the first Epsom Derby was imported to this State, Virginia was the center of the thoroughbred breeding industry in this country. Thereafter the industry here experienced a recession and the center of it shifted to Kentucky. In due time those interested in Kentucky real estate began to disseminate self serving propaganda that the limestone soil of Kentucky grew a superior grass, the eating of which produced a horse with which those bred elsewhere had no chance to compete on the race track. This propaganda was not without its effect on the gullible, a species not entirely unknown even among thoroughbred breeders.

However, the blunt fact remains that a race horse must be run as a 2-year-old. Horses raised largely on any grass, even Kentucky grass, cannot compete with those raised on more concentrated foods. The best oats in this country do not grow in either Virginia or Kentucky. In both states the yearlings are raised largely on imported food and any slight difference in the grass is unimportant as results on the race track show.

So far as the racing class of the product of either Kentucky or Virginia is concerned, although many times the number of horses annually bred in Virginia are now bred in Kentucky, the first, second and third horses in the richest race in the world in 1936 (Santa Anita Handicap) TOP ROW, TIME SUPPLY and ROSEMONT were all raised within a twenty mile radius of this village of Middleburg. ROSEMONT won this race in 1937 and the third horse, INDIAN BROOM was likewise raised a few miles from Middleburg and like ROSEMONT bred here. Pompoon who ran third this year is by the good Virginia stallion Pompey.

Almost in the town of Middleburg is the fine stud of William Zeigler, Jr., where ESPOSA, generally considered to be the best race mare in the country last year, was raised and bred, and where stand the stallions, ESPINO, POLYDOR and OUR GENERAL and a very excellent band of mares. Within ten minutes motoring distance of the center of Middleburg is the Brookmead Farm of Isabel Sloan, where stands CAVALCADE the Champion 3-year-old of his year, (who incidentally was raised in New Jersey) and winner of the Kentucky Derby, and also the excellent race horse PSYCHIC BID.

Near Upperville too, stands a Preakness winner, DR. FREELAND, the second largest money winner in the State. He is owned by the well known breeder, John E. Hughes, of here and Chicago. The name and fame of Grafton is legion, and Dr. A. C. Randolph's great Runantell, sire of Esposa's dam, is there.

Houghton Metcalf, who owns Abbotts Nymph and some good mares, has his farm near here too, on which blue grass pastures graze some great ones. The stallion VALOROUS stands at Mrs. John Hay Whitney's Llangollen Farms, which is being continually utilized to raise more yearlings, and also great show winning horses.

Near The Plains, Milkman stands at the farm of Mrs. W. Plunket Stewart, Rolling Plains, and there wintering are some of Milkman's stake winning two-year-olds. Within several miles of there is Archwood Manor, of Mrs. Teller Archbald, where still are a few mares left from the well known stud.

At the completely equipped estate of William Hitt, with its fine race track, stands an excellent band of brood mares and the stallion Sun Meadow, vying with Polydor for the 1937 honors of the leading percentage winner sire of Virginia, and the nation.

Robin Clark, where By Pass II, the imported Phalaris horse and Rosilio II stand is about half-way between Middleburg and Upperville and adjoins the estate of the late Admiral Grayson where Happy Argo stands. The land encompassing these farms was formerly owned by the late Henry Oxnard, who was an outstanding breeder when Virginia was first gaining fame as a breeding State. Oxnard was one of the very first in the United States to ship yearlings to England to the sales and did well.

Over at Rockburn Farm, near Rectortown, Hubert Phipps has the American BLENHEIM. Dan Sands has the HIGH TIME horse, PRINCE OF WALES, winner of more than \$50,000.00. Mrs. David Buckley of New York, has collected an excellent band of mares at her High Acre Farm, where she is standing the HIGH TIME stallion, GRAND TIME.

At nearby Leesburg, W. H. Lipscomb at his Raspberry Plain Estate has one of the best collections of brood mares in the state, the produce of which annually brings high prices at Saratoga. At his place the stallion, DUNLIN, representing the cross of FAIR PLAY and ROCK SAND, is standing and so is SCOTCH BROOM, representing the famous cross of DOMINO and BEN BRUSH. At the nearby estate of D. N. Rust, Jr., stands TIME MAKER, the sire of TIME SUPPLY and another collection of mares, and within hailing distance are the studs of former Governor Westmoreland Davis, where the late LUCULLITE stood.

Albert Shaw, Jr., has Rock Star by Trap Rock out of *Star Emerald over in the Leesburg country.

Henry Cross, of Chicago and Purcellville, who is said to race more horses on more tracks than anyone else in the country to-day, has a stable under the name of Tranquility Farm, and has established a large stud on his 500 acres. There stand Black Toney and Slave Ship.

Dr. Robert Humphrey, at his Mountville Farm, has the half brother of Sir Martin and Sir Bartin, jointly owned with Audley Farm, under private contract.

Another sire near Mountville is the fine horse of Walter Bowes, Rolling Inn. At Montpelier is the stud of Mrs. Marion DuPont Scott, at which stands LANCEGAYE who ran second in the English Derby and was imported because of achievements of his son CAVALCADE. Here also stands the good son of MAN O' WAR. Near Orange, as well, is H. O. Lyne's Top Hole by Penant stallion, and Manley W. Carter's Rockminister by Friar Rock.

At Charlottesville is Ellerslie, the ancestral Stud of America's leading breeder, Arthur B. Hancock, and son Arthur, Jr., where stand the stallions, Pompey, Tintagel and Petee Wrack, of which we wrote recently. The co-owners of Pompey, the Charles A. and Whitney Stones have their Morven Stud near-by with many good mares, as do the R. A. Van Cliefs, at Esmont. Dr. J. P. Jones with his Inglecrest Stud, in that region has Omar Khayyam and Westwick, while P. H. Faulconer has On Watch at Westover Farms.

In Doswell is the Farm of C. T. Chenery and his Whiskaway and Dark Hero stallions. The Herring brothers, Thos. G. and Chas. G. have the Heronford and Retirement Farms at Bridgewater, where stand *Jean II, Oyster Bay and Forty Winks and are doing interesting things. From this stud came last year's crack two-year-old MAETALL and from it the preceding year came GOLDEY F.

The richest race in Florida in 1937, The Widener Handicap, was won by COLUMBIANA, bred and raised at Charlottesville, Virginia. As stated in the Middleburg Chronicle of January 21, 1938, thirty-six Virginia bred horses won \$478,560.00 in 1937.

THE PORTER, leading sire of 1937, stood for many years at our neighboring town of Leesburg and while there sired the horses principally responsible for his leading position, including ROSEMONT.

It is also a cold fact that the largest money winner in the world, SUN

BEAU, was bred and raised at the Court Manor Stud of Willis Sharpe Kilmer in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, as were REIGH COUNT (third on the list of sires in 1937) and the splendid 2-year-old of last season, NEDAYR.

The fame and renown of the Kilmer Court Manor is of ranking importance in the annals of the thoroughbred breeding in America. Among the stallions standing at New Market are: Gino, Hilltown, Neddie, Sunador, Sun Briar and Sunpatic.

TEDDY was imported here and stood at Kenneth Gilpin's Kentmere Stud at Boyce where the celebrated GRANVILLE now stands, and nearby stood the great French horse KSAR. At Boyce were bred SUN TEDDY, TEDDY'S COMET and CASE ACE, although the latter was raised in New Jersey. The influence of the horses sired by TEDDY and KSAR and bred in Virginia is bound to be great in the future of the American thoroughbred.

Recently BELFONDS has been imported and is standing at Abram S. Hewitt's Montana Hall Stud at White Post near Boyce where he replaces the late KSAR. The good Pilate is another there. At Boyce also is located the Walnut Hall Stud of William DuPont, Jr., where the FAIR PLAY—ROCK

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SAND stallion MESSENGER stands and to which it is expected ROSEMONT will soon be retired.

Nearby also is the important Audley Farm Stud of B. B. Jones where the excellent filly FAIR KNIGHTESS was bred and raised and where stands the stallion BRIGHT KNIGHT and to which has just come the own brother of SIR GALLAHAD III and BULL DOG—QUATRE BRAS II. TRACE CALL and other good horses are also standing at this stud.

Another great breeding establishment in the Boyce region is Pagebrook Stud, where Mrs. Deering Howe's Only One stands. Only One is by Westmoreland Davis' Lucullite, and won 13 of 56 starts with total earnings of \$39,495. William Bell Watkins' Sun Charmer by Sunstar holds fort at the Annefield Farm, near Berryville and has got some good ones. Near Winchester is F. Amos Shryock's Claptrap by Fairplay, a recent addition to the Virginia list from Maryland. Before leaving this northern most section of Virginia, mention certainly must be made of the jointly owned Mud, by Madrigalian, standing at Woodley Farm. William Bell Watkins and Graham Dougherty are the co-owners.

Down below Richmond is the Brandon Stud of Robert W. Daniels which is one of the oldest stud-farms in Virginia. There Brandon Mint Stands today.

Over in the western part of the state is the Allen Hirsch Meadow Lane Farms and Court Dress by Man O'War and Mrs. Tate B. Starrett's The Oaks Farm and Grey Marquee by Royal Canopy.

While there are no noted stallions, in the sense of Classic, or great money winners, standing at present at Warrenton, their lack is not felt because there are plenty in the adjoining Middleburg region. However, Robert Winmill has War Whoop, a Man O'War, and Floral King, who get winners. Col. Albert Peirce has Caed out at his Canterbury Farms. Capt. R. J. Kirkpatrick has Judge Hay, as fine a hunter-type as there is in the Piedmont district.

And of hunter-types, Dr. L. M. Allen, at his Clifton Farm, Berryville has Coq D'Esprit, a big four-year-old grey, by *Coq Gaulois, who is doing great things for Dr. Allen.

In relation to the great records being made in thoroughbred breeding in this State, due acclaim goes to the United States Remount Station in Front Royal. This is a story in itself and Maj. W. W. Whitside has expressed his willingness, in helping the Chronicle to compile the needed information. Among the stallions there now are Chilowee, *Dan IV, Flag Pone and Jedran (Arab).

In addition to these large studs there are scores of farmers with two or three thoroughbred brood mares and also numbers of foxhunting men who keep two or three thoroughbred mares for the purpose of breeding steeple-chasers. A farmer has come to realize that the great expansion of horse racing in the last few years has provided a market where he can sell a yearling every year, whereas, it is necessary for him to wait four years before he can sell a colt raised for a hunter. In other words, he can sell four crops of racing stock in the time it takes to raise and sell a hunter. Owners of good stallions are sometimes willing to breed on shares and this enables the farmer to do a profitable business if he can acquire a good brood mare.

There is no question but the value of the stallions, brood mares, weanlings, and yearlings merely in the region within a twenty mile radius of Middleburg runs into millions of dollars and is constantly increasing.

Reasons for the renaissance of thoroughbred breeding in Virginia and the Middlebury section and the establishment of large studs here in preference to Kentucky are not far to seek. The northeastern part of the United States is and will continue to be the center of population and wealth. Most owners want to see their own horses and many would not own horses if deprived of the pleasure of seeing them. A New Yorker can step into his airplane and be walking around his stable yard at Middlebury within two hours. If he goes by train he is in Washington within five hours and in his Middlebury stable yard within the next hour and a half. Kentucky is too remote from the eastern centers to be visited except infrequently. It is not a place where a citizen of New York, Philadelphia, Boston or Washington can spend every weekend.

Furthermore, the old axiom "No foot, no horse" does not lose any of its force with time and it is an established fact that the red clay soil of the Piedmont section and all Virginia horse country has no peer. The beautifully watered and rolling country has been responsible for these generations for the breeding of bone, feet and stamina in Virginia-breds.

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All eastern horse owners have wanted to know was whether Virginia could produce as good horses as Kentucky and to this question, recent turf performances have provided a conclusive, irrefutable and entirely satisfac-

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2 1-2 miles over brush, the Middleburg Cup Steeplechase of four miles over timber, the Loudoun Plate of 2 miles over brush, the Raymond Belmont Memorial over timber for maidens and winners of one and the Three Oaks, of 1 mile on the flat complete the card for Saturday the 16.

With Saturday, April 9 the dead line for naming of contenders who have subscriptions taken out for the Middleburg Cup 'Chase, the following are practically certain starters. Celebrity, newly named Terry's Winner, owned by Miss Therese Schey, son of Dan the 4th., Seafarin Dan, a winner of three in a row last fall, owned by Capt. Ewart Johnston; *Escape III a James Ryan trained Doubtful from R. K. Mellon's stables; an entry of Mrs. George L. Ohrstrom, Frederick M. Warburg, Geoffrey A. Laing and Raymond Guest. Lassitude II, going tomorrow in the Deep Run Hunt Cup, trained by Jack Skinner and owned by Col. Wyndham Torr, being headed for the Maryland, will also presumably be a starter.

The April 20th., Wednesday matinee has six races scheduled. The Wanquepin and Groveton, both hurdle races of one and a half miles start the day. The Panther Skin, two miles over the big Glenwood brush course, the Rose Hill a good test of three miles over post and rails, The Little River of two miles over brush and The Covert, the finale of a mile and a half make up the Wednesday racing.

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running with Independence Boy and Ostend much of the way.

Two came down. Sun Faun a well known hunter, owned by Gerard Smith couldn't jump at pace and gave his rider Sidney Watters, Jr., a bad toss at the first. Dorette, ridden, trained and owned by Thomas Mott, Jr., who had outstanding successes in the early point-to-points, found the pace quite different and was carried into the second jump so fast that the former little show mare deposited her 17 year old rider forty feet away.

In the opening Kershaw Steeplechase, 2 miles over brush, Thomas B. Gay's Itsamaid with Jennings up, turned back Tam O'Shanter of the Ambrose Clarke stable. Ray G. Woolfe rode May Boy owned by Morris Clark in the Wateree Steeplechase of a mile and a half, getting home ahead of Miss Dale Heard's Gideon Ring.

Cadeau II, another from F. Ambrose Clark's, the outstanding French Syndicate Steeplechaser of last year carried on his string of triumphs in taking the Springdale Steeplechase, co-feature, over brush of 2-1-2 miles, in the good time of 4:12. Bellhouse rode the winner, with Ray Woolfe riding Cabin Fire owned by L. W. Robinson Jr., second. Cadeau II looked very good and will bear watching in his Virginia debut on May 16 in Middleburg.

Mrs. Jane Fowler Bassett's Heroro, Randy Duffey trained, is proving a consistent winner, taking the 1 1-2 miles over hurdles in fine style to defeat a good one in Itsaboy, Dion Kerr, Jr., of Middleburg was third riding the Sandy Woods Vigilance.

Summaries:

The Kershaw Steeplechase, 2 miles over brush for 4 year olds. First, Itsamaid, Thomas B. Gay, Richmond, Va., E. Jennings. Second, Tam O'Shanter, Ambrose Clark, N. Y. Bellhouse. Time 4:5.

The Wateree Steeplechase, 1 1/2 miles over hurdles: First, May Boy, Morris Clark, Orange, Va., R. G. Woolfe; second, Gideon Ring, Miss Dale Heard, Dallas, Tex., Leonard; Mesa Rica, L. E. Stoddard, Jr., N. Y. D. McCarthy. Also ran: Land of Rheims, Fencing Song, The Boaster, Singing Water. Time 2:50 4-5.

Carolina Cup. 3 miles over timber: First, Ostend, Mrs. Frank M. Gould, N. Y., Henry Frost; second, Independence Boy, leased to W. B. Ruthrauff, Rumson, N. J. by William B. Streett; Norman Cleland. Third, Corn Dodger, Rokey Stable, Jack Skinner. Also ran: Boo II. Sun Faun and Dorette fell. Time: 6:05 3-5.

Springdale Steeplechase, 2 1/2 miles over brush: First, Cadeau II, F. A. Clark, Bellhouse; second, Cabin Fire, L. W. Robinson, Jr., R. G. Woolfe; third, Wilfred G., Gordon F. Perry, Toronto, Canada, E. Mitchell; Also ran: The Stag II. Stag II came down in his last Carolina outing.

The Broad Rock, of 1 1/2 miles over hurdles, the closing event has eleven named. Stuart S. Janney's Meriga, Mrs. Cary Jackson's Day Letter and Anderson Fowler's Transporter are among the best of the very level field.

The Camden Plate, 1 mile on flat: First, Toolbox, R. K. Mellon, J. Magee; second, Crooning Water, Mrs. James C. Brady, J. Duffy; third, Far North, Mrs. Marion du Pont Scott, E. Jennings. Also ran: Finlace, Khamain, Our Manager, Renee's Pride, Transporter, Champfleur, Trompe Bar, Palm Springs. Time 1:44.

The Baron Dekalb, 1 1/2 miles over hurdles. First, Herroro, Mrs. Jane Fowler Bassett, J. V. H. Davis; second, Itsaboy, Mrs. J. C. Clark, P. Byrne; third, Vigilance, Sandy Woods Stable, Dion Kerr, Jr. Also ran: Coppice. Time: 2:47 2-5.

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back and was a convalescent the rest of the year.

Others going over the rolling grass of the Curles Neck course will be Sun Faun, owned by Gerard Smith, and Manton B. Metcalf's Tres Bon. Corn Dodger is a doubtful starter.

The Malvern Hill Steeplechase, of two miles over brush, has eight entries. This maiden race, the curtain raiser of the afternoon's sport, will have among the starters, Mrs. Robert C. Winmill's War Port, Mrs. George Watts Hill's Todge and Rokey Stable's Dothair, his first race of the year.

Ten are slated to go to the post in The Ruddock Plate, of 5 1/2 furlongs on the flat. A. J. Sackett's Leslie Myer, V. P. Noyes' Twilight Star, Harry E. Karr, Jr.'s Merrie Chase have all good chances to win.

The Curles Neck, a mile on the

flat, has eight horses going, with Montpelier's Kingsem, a favorite, also Restmere Stables' Boris, and Mrs. James C. Brady's Crooning Water, one of the best.

The Richmond Plate with six starters, carrying the biggest purse of the day, \$700, and the handsome Mrs. Marion du Pont Scott trophy, will have her Montpelier Tweedledee, Thomas B. Gay's Hasty Pudding, a Randy Duffey trained, and R. K. Mellon's Stag II. Stag II came down in his last Carolina outing.

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chase course this season and no steeplechase will be held. This means that Radnor and Rose Tree will benefit as the horses that generally start at Pimlico will no doubt attend the Billy Barton at Radnor and the Rose Tree races. Brush races at these fixtures will be better filled and of a higher calibre than ever before.

Features of the Rose Tree Meeting will be the Corinthian Plate steeplechase, the Bayard Taylor Post and Rail 'chase and the Glen Riddle Plate one mile and a half flat race on Wednesday. On Saturday, the high lights will be found in the Rose Tree Plate and the Gloucester Fox Hunters Plate, post and rail and the Stayer's High Weight handicap at one mile and a half on the flat. In the Gloucester Fox Hunters race the Langston Cup donated by Carl C. Austin and Carl C. Austin Jr., will be run for the sixth time.

Last year's race was one of the best. Mrs. Frank M. Gould's Ostend won by a head from John Strawbridge's Rockley and the Groton Stable's Tom Adams. The Stayers' will be handicapped by the great handicapper, Frank J. Bryan of the N.S. & H.A.

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hurried to this point, but along the

hill-top on the Garrett place Mr. Slater moved out in front. Over two walls, and then cross a run and creek in succession with two more post and rail fences to the second flag, two came to grief. Young Robert McConnell, Jr., came down hard when angling through the shallow run. Hardly had he and his mount Floss hit, when Carlisle Cochran on Miss Julia Whiting's Can Go, coming through at the same sharp angle, crashed, breaking the horse's off-fore leg in a compound fracture of the cannon bone. (This unfortunate accident is the first tragedy to mar the sporting events of old-fashioned point-to-point meetings).

Sky Painter lead up to the final turning flag on the Winston Guest Farm, with Bobby Young, Billy Hulbert and Mr. Slater in order. Though Sky Painter had to give some twenty pounds or more to Messrs. Slater, Young, Hulbert, Greene and Van Alen, he had more than was necessary to turn back competition.

The Fair Race was surprising. Francis Greene who had learned much from his rapid circuit in the singles, went out in front alternating setting pace with Miss Nancy Smith and brought five of the six starters home fifty seconds faster than Sky Painter's winning time. The time for the Singles was 15:52 2-5 while Mr. Greene was clocked at 14:59 4-5: (unofficial, no officials took time, but this double checked with split-second watches).

Summary:

Open Race. (5 3-4 miles). First, Sky Painter, Mrs. John Hay Whitney, Horace Moffett; second, Spar, Mrs. John Hay Whitney, George Robert Slater; third, My Lad, William P. Hulbert, Billy Hulbert; Grand Guild, James Van Alen; High Pay, Francis T. Greene; Hazara, Timmie Higginson; Bayard, A. Mackay Smith, presented with Heavy-weight trophy; Maureen, U. S. Randall, Jos. Noland; Floss, Robt. McConnell, Jr., failed to finish. Smoothbore, W. C. Langley, R. B. Young. Can Go, Miss Julia Whiting, Carlisle Cochran, destroyed.

Team Race. (5 3-4 miles). First, Shot Over, Mrs. John A. Hinckley, and The Greek, Miss Mildred Gaines. Second, Belle of the Rocks, Miss Nancy Penn Smith and Leesburg, John Gaines. Third, Faint Clow, Francis Greene and Protagonist, Mrs. Silvie Hazard.

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Editorials

HORSE SHOW LEADERSHIP

Horse Show officials are beginning to think of their duties as the season opens. They have a certain amount of responsibility. In fact in the ability to attract entries, must depend the success or failure of the Show.

There is another factor, that is as important financially, perhaps even more so than entry fees, and that is gate admissions. Showing can be rather a vicious circle, for if there is no money in the treasury, there can be no prizes, if there are no prizes there will be no entries and if there are no entries there won't be any admissions sold and the Show will be a flop.

So Show officials, as the spring season opens, are beginning to scratch their heads and wonder whether there is not some way to make their show more interesting. If they think hard enough, they will begin to realize that the most interesting feature of any show are the people who participate in it. Horses are a great drawing card, but the great crowds of people who flock to shows are not people who are so excited by the conformation of a fine horse as to be willing to go miles to see it and to pay for the price of admission.

The real attraction for a horse show crowd are the people who are performing. Names make news and names will make horse shows, too. The danger facing show officials today is the one facing almost every other sport, the danger of too much professionalism. Horses in the hands of professional riders begin to act like machines. The riders themselves jumping and riding horses day in and day out become pretty much like machines, too. As class after class goes round the ring with horses and riders jumping like circus performers, show crowds begin to get restless. There is not enough drama or excitement in the great shows. Performances may be beautiful, but the performance of a good professional riding for a stable somehow lacks the personal touch wherein the real interest lies.

The great charm to all spectators is to see the owner riding his or her own horse. This is not possible in every class, but at least it is an aim that officials should strive to attain. Most owners have good hunters. Most owners are riders who are willing to compete providing they are not going to have to go out and make themselves and their horses look silly by performing against professional exhibitors who are doing a circus job and doing it faultlessly. Give the owner a hunter class, limit it to owners who must ride and have them ride horses that have hunted regularly and who bear a certificate from the Master that they have actually hunted five times during the season and a new class will be seen in the ring, a class with that personal touch that puts the spectators on the edge of their seats and adds an inter-



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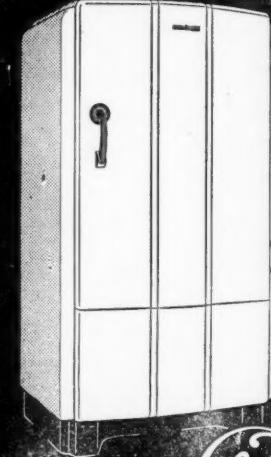
est for owners who can also grow a little weary of seeing others do what they can do themselves. The real box office attractions for horse shows are sitting around looking on from the wings, because the Show officials have refused to give them the opportunity to play their roles opposite other stars, who are amateurs, like themselves.

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My dear,

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Fletcher and Freddy had so much trouble and were in such a "stew" that they didn't have time for their friends. Poor Bobby worked so hard laying out the course, then rode out in front on Uncle Bore's "Smooth-bill" to show the way. The rest just followed until Bobby took a crumpled and our guests for the day just galloped on.



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Mildred Skinner is that proud, in spite of Corn Dodger's behavior last Saturday, that I fear she is fast getting the old racing complex, remember the one I wrote you so much about last fall? She is a good scout though. Bill and Lettice did themselves proud with a one-two finish.

Richard d'Espresmin (will I ever learn to spell that name) is due back soon. It is time I think for Adeline has not been in retreat since he left. Husbands should not leave their wives behind, but by the same token, Margot left Jim Skinner and he's not been sucking his thumbs, neither, well, well!

Warrenton has started with its North Wales parties 'most again. They do adore these "joint things", I wish you could have been at the Pool-Carhart one if Harry would not be so pompous it would be so much better, but I think he's got the habit now; his first pink coat started that.

The more I read Martha Blair's column: "These Charming People", the more I wonder if she crosses her toes as well as her fingers when she is writing... everyone is ALMOST a beauty, according to her, she even raved of mine once, you know there IS something wrong somewhere.

I hear we are to have numerous parties for the races on the 16th. The Middleburg Races. I wish some one would give a REAL one where every one HAS a good time and not a "MAKE BELIEVE". Now remember you have promised to come down.

KATTY.

that entries for the May 7th meeting will close on April 26 with Frank J. Bryan, Racing Secretary, 230 Park Ave., New York. This annual Virgin-

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their second wind, they hauled their "catch" to shore, reported the matter to Sheriff Adrian at Leesburg and headed for home. The man, so far, has not been identified.

In spite of the Recession (late, recent and present) Middleburg's business horizon must not be as dark as some howlers would have us think, the future must hold a measure of promise—else why would two going concerns open their doors here in one and the same week? The Home Appliance Store, offering every imaginable electrical gadget from refrigerators to mousetraps, will shortly make its bow to the public under the management of D. H. Tyler AND THE West End Garage has set Wednesday of next week for its launching with Skipper R. W. Oliver at the helm. Skipper will carry a popular line of cars and is the fellow who can make old cars good, and new cars better. More power to Middleburg and her constantly growing business circle, says the Crier!

Decided improvement is seen already in "town deportment" since the induction to office of Town Officer Havens. Parking is approaching more logical order with fewer cars setting directly across the sidewalk, the Rubicon which usually flows uninterrupted across a busy walkway seems to be drying at its source and the out-of-towners who often park double and triple on Main street have moved over enough to allow passage of through traffic. The Crier has searched often and earnestly for the "Town Water Approved" sign promised some weeks ago by the State Board of Health, but it remains undiscovered to date.

Announcement is made of the approaching marriage of Edward R. Duffy, jr. and Miss Kitty Collins, both of Washington.

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BOWIE TRACK OPENS

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April 1, Abdicate, 3, ch. g., (Dunlin—Royal Ruler), S. L. Stewart, Bowie, 5½ furlongs, \$700.

April 1, Passing Eve, 5, blk. m., (*By Pass II—Dewy Eye), R. S. Clark, Bowie, 1 1-16 mi., \$700.

April 1, Sun Madras, ch. g., (Sun Beau—Madras), Corsicana Stable, Tropical Park, 5½ furlongs, \$600.

April 1, Gayset, ch. g., (Happy Argo—Smart Set), W. Wick, Tropical Park, 5½ furlongs, 3 year olds, \$700.

April 1, Red Hay, b. c. (Judge Hay—Bright Red), Mrs. D. Hurn, Oaklawn Park, 5 3-4 furlongs, 3 year olds, \$425.

April 1, Spittenimage, 5, b. g., (Lucullite—Khara), H. R. Dulany, Jr., Oaklawn Park, 1 mile and 70 yards, \$425.

April 1, Waygood Lad, 5, ch. g., (Waygood—Golata), J. Oran, Oaklawn Park, 1 ½ miles, \$425.

April 1, Pepper Patch, 5, ch. m., (Scotch Broom—Pepper Pot), F. Coppa, Tropical Park, 1 mile and 60 yards, \$650.

April 2, Polly Fair, ch. f., (Polydor—Phantom Fairy), W. Zeigler, Jr., Bowie, 4 furlongs, \$700.

April 2, Sun Egret, ch. c., (*Sun Briar—Polly Egret), A. C. Compton, Bowie, 6 furlongs, Rowe Memorial, \$4,250.

April 2, Royal Tread, 5, br. g., (*St. Henry—Silver Slipper), Mrs. F. C. Dunn, Bowie, 1 1-16 miles, \$700.

April 2, Chilly Ebbie, 5, br. m., (Chilhowee—Miss Injunction), W. Sweeney, Bowie, 1 1-16 miles, \$700.

April 2, Bob Charlie, 4, ch. g., (*St. Henry—Handover), Mrs. C. P. Lindner, Tropical Park, 1 1-16 miles, \$600.

April 4, Departed, 5, ch. h. (*Teddy—All Gone), B. F. Christmas, Bowie, 1 1-16 miles, \$700.

April 4, Taxi, b. f., (Time Maker—The Baggage), Miss M. Warner, Tropical Park, 5½ furlongs, 3 yr. old maidens, \$600.

April 5, Royal Tread, 5, br. g., (St. Henry—Silver Slipper), Mrs. F. C. Dunn, Bowie, 1 1-8 miles, \$700.

April 5, Bailiwick, 4, ch. g., (Westwick—Royal Chain), J. S. Summers, Tropical Park, 1 1-16 miles, \$650.

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By Carol White

We lunched with Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Harper yesterday and I must tell you about the luncheon. It was simply delicious, but for Harriet to have such things on her table was indeed paradoxical, as everything was very rich, very buttery and creamy and fattening, and she is always giving me the Dickens for living on rich foods. She herself has no end of self control about what she eats (I have even seen her refuse butter sauce because it was plumping when passed with brook trout) hence the straight, fit figure, moving with the grace of a panther, but to get on with her luncheon menu. I want to give it to you because I was so impressed with it that I am back on my four day diet today.

Sherry (not to spoil your taste for a good meal by cocktails).

CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP

½ pound mushrooms

4 cups of chicken stock

1 slice of onion

¼ cup butter

½ cup flour

¼ cup cream

¼ cup milk

Salt

Pepper

Chop mushrooms, add to stock with onion, cook 20 minutes, and rub through a sieve. Reheat, bind with butter and flour together. Add cream, reheat, season to taste.

SMOTHERED CHICKEN

With Lots of Butter Sauce

2 broilers, cut into 4 pieces

1 ½ cups chicken stock

Salt and pepper

1 cup butter

Put chicken in heavy kettle and add stock. Let simmer till tender. Add butter, take lid off kettle and cook till golden brown. If butter cooks down too much add more so there will be enough to pour over chicken when you serve it and to cover bottom of platter.

POTATOES AU GRATIN

2 ½ cups cold, boiled potatoes, cubed

4 cups white sauce

1 cup grated cheese, Swiss or parmesan

Add potatoes to sauce. Let stand 30 minutes over hot water in double boiler, stir in the cheese and pour mass into a buttered baking dish and cover with buttered bread crumbs.

CAULIFLOWER

Covered With Hollandaise Sauce

Boil cauliflower till tender, serve whole and pour over the top of the sauce. We also had the tiniest, fresh asparagus saturated with sweet, melt-

ed butter, and very, very hot feathery rolls.

Now I ask you, up to now has this been fattening or has it been fattening. But you haven't heard the half of it yet. THE DESSERT. It makes my mouth water to even think of it and I am going to try it just the minute I get off my diet (thereby gaining everything back that I will have been lucky enough to peel off).

COFFEE MOUSSE

(The only recipe given to me by Mrs. Harper. All the others are out of my own book, but imagine they are all about the same. Just wanted to give you an idea, but didn't want to bore my hostess any more than I had to after she was kind enough to have her chef write the Mousse one for me.)

1 pint cream
1 cup boiled coffee
1 cup sugar
1 ¼ tablespoonsful gran. gelatine
2 tablespoons cold water
3 tablespoons hot water
1 doz Lady fingers

Soak gelatine in cold water, then dissolve in boiling water and mix with sugar and coffee. Set in a pan of ice water and stir until it begins to thicken then fold in whipped cream. Line mold with lady fingers and pour mixture into mold, cover and put in ice box for four hours. Garnish with whipped cream.

Honestly it was the best dessert I have ever eaten. I hope you will try it.

A white wine was served during luncheon and we ended up with a small coffee and a very special blackberry cordial brought to America by Madam Harper herself.

As much as I like food, it is definitely secondary when it comes to lunching or dining with the Harpers. The house is like a museum to me. I could never get tired of looking at all the lovely things in it, and it is so COMFORTABLE and bright and lived in looking. And filled with all sorts of things that take a lot of trouble in the getting, such as old Drug store bottles (beautifully polished and cleaned). Two fascinating old Drug store bottles (the kind they used to always have in the Drug Store window filled with colored water) filled with perfectly clear water, which I think is very original and they stand on a window sill so you can see through them.

I can't possibly describe the lovely old pieces of china, glass, silver and furniture in the house, to say nothing of the paintings. Everything has been thought out with such cleverness and skill that it all goes to make just about the most attractive house I have ever been in.

Must pass the news along to you gourmands that frequent "21" that Jack is back in the swim again. Since his illness the place has not seemed the same. When I stopped in there the other night I was delighted to see that personality boy dishing out good cheer (and other things).

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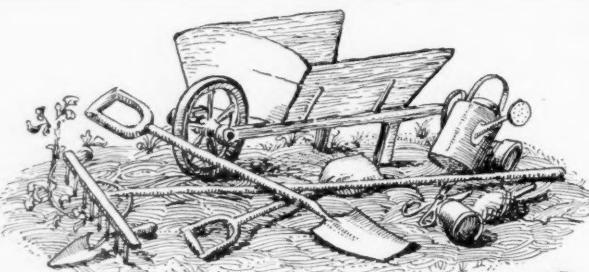


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GARDENING

By Rachel Lloyd

GARDEN NOTEBOOK

How often in walking through someone's else garden do you admire something and mentally make a note, that next year, you will have that same flower in your garden? This time of year is the worst for this mania, as everything that comes up, looks so fresh and bright and over and over again, I have vowed that next year, I will have this or that. But somehow, the same flowers come up the next spring and those new ideas are still missing. So I suggest a garden notebook.

It may sound silly now, and a lot of useless trouble, but at the end of a year you will not take anything for it. I will give you an idea by the way I keep mine. It is a loose leaf notebook divided into twelve parts, each part representing a month in the year. If you should see some crocuses blooming in March, or some lovely blue primroses, as I did the other day, I will write under October, plant crocuses this month, for without this reminder, you are so concerned with putting your garden away in October that you would never realize that Spring will come again.

As for the primroses, I shall send to England for seed immediately. Mark the date of planting in April and wait until they appear, which may be six months or more, as primroses take a long time. When they do appear, this will be put down under that month and so on. The date of uncovering the beds, when and what fertilizer used, and last, but not least, the weather, if an early or late spring, rainy or dry summer etc. For this makes a difference in comparing your success of different years.

If you are very ambitious, photo-

graphs or small sketches of your most successful efforts make your book a delightful thing to look back on. These are just a few ideas which can be added to in countless ways.

If your narcissus are through blooming, be sure and don't cut the tops off until they are limp and yellow, as it will decrease the size of bloom next Spring. If they are in the way in the border or lawn tie them into a knot until they are ready to cut.

If you are fond of rhododendrons and laurel there is no need for not having them, just because we live in a limestone country. In my small garden, I have been able to grow quite successfully, both of these plants. I obtained the plants as YOUNG nursery stock from the Gardens of the Blue Ridge, Charlotte, North Carolina four years ago. They have made new growth each year and bloom profusely. The two rules I have followed are planting them in part shade and keeping the soil acid. The latter is very easily done by digging the soil well at first adding peat moss, leaf mould and two handfuls of aluminum sulphate per plant. (Any more aluminum sulphate is harmful). This I repeat each spring, digging in any winter leaves that are around them, spreading on a good thickness of peat moss to help hold the moisture during the summer and then throwing the aluminum sulphate on top and soak all this in with water.

I have often thought of getting the left over apple pulp after the cider has been pressed in the fall and using this to help the acid condition, but so far I have not tried it. Here is something to write under October in the notebook.

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In The Country:-

Mr. and Mrs. George Livermore stopped for a breather with Mrs. Page Biddle, Sunday week after fatiguing themselves severely enroute to Southern Pines by motor, and fighting all the traffic from New York. Last seen they were headed south on No. 15 with two Dachshounds roaming the back seat.

The Henri de Hellers, he who thrives in his clever refashioning of old houses, had New York friends stopping with them recently the G. T. Dallenbachs.

The John Buchanans have finally come north from their Boca Raton and are back at Lenox Manor, with so many considerations and so much to do for Mr. Buchanan's daughter, Polly's wedding, May 3, to Willie Stokes of Berwyn, Pa.

The Arthur Charringtons are embarking from these shores in late April, 'tis said, for England and friends and Picadilly, and Arthur's family.

Mrs. Oliver Filley was up and about for the first time last Saturday since her fall when hunting with Orange County. Mrs. Filley presented the cups to the winners of the pair class, Mrs. John Hinckley and Miss Middred Gaines.

The Warrenton Country Club, lately defunct, will rise up and be gone again one of these fine spring days, probably in May. The Edward Farrars, recently of Farmington, have rented the club and, being just moved in, are already hard at work renovating, refurbishing and making whatever other preparations are necessary for an opening. Once ready, memberships should not be difficult to get started, as there are all too few attractive places of that sort in the hunt country where groups can gather for tennis, swimming and other relaxations.

It was a grand occasion seeing "Dukes" Leache out and around again, looking hale and hearty as ever, at the Orange County Point-to-Points last Saturday. Leache who has been Orange County's huntsman for many years, has had a tough time of it this past winter, spending most of it in a cast and braces while that thigh he broke last fall was getting mended.

High tea was the order of the day at Mrs. John Anderson's last Saturday when she entertained for her friends after the Orange County Point-to-Points. Many there were from "Over the Mountain" as well as in the valley and nearby, among them the Warner Sniders, the Walter McK. Jones, Miss Virginia Jacobs, her sister Mrs. Jacobs Wetherall, the

Mackey Smiths, the William Bell Watkins, the Houston Gaddises and daughter Miss Bobby Gaddis, Miss Jane Calvert, the R. J. Kirpatrick (of "Twin Oats"), the Reginald Vickers, the Henry Whitfields, the Holger Bidstrups, the William Cliffords, the Crompton Smiths and many many more. Mrs. Anderson is a hostess with a cuisine that tempts them from far and wide and always has something new and delicious. This time it was her variety of delightful salads and a punch of a style all her own that sent them away singing her praises.

The Duncan Reads and Freddy Warburg will bolster up the community population for next-week's Middleburg races, with house guests and themselves. Donia has a special colored film in her movie camera, which she was using when the Washington Star caught her "on set" at the Middleburg Point-to-Point.

Foxcroft has issued a spring calendar. Two important dates, to both the School and the School's many friends here are: The Foxcroft Horse Show, an annual affair, the weekend of May 7th to 9th, and Commencement Week-end June 4th to 6th.

Miss Laura Sprague who has been bungalowing it in the Harry Duffey's little stone house has departed for a month's visit with her family in Chicago. Laura will be among us again on May Day.

Three whoops, Miss Connie Regan is up and about and entraining to Middleburg now. Connie is due to arrive most any minute, and it is a "long last" for she has had two fine hunters awaiting her, at Louis Dufey's, all winter, and then pneumonia and oxygen tents and everything overtook her.

Prosser Tabb had the worst sort of a devil's visitation the other night. When The Devil was gone, so were all his prize pullets. Some dirty thief took them all, and then to top it off a fox that wasn't being hustled by Orange County hounds anymore, threw a big gobbler over his shoulder and went "away".

The Clifford Millers were weekend guests of the Robert McConnells for the O. C. Point to Point, and had great numbers in to meet them at a tea after the races. The Millers live part of the year over on the Easter-shore of Maryland.

The George Garretts had many staying on after the Point-to-Point too, the races were on their place and many found it easier to stay. Among the Garrett's guests was Mrs. James Roosevelt out from Washington, with Miss Gloria Braggiotti, of Boston, of that famous Braggiotti family, all so talented, she the sister of Mario the talented pianist who has his own orchestra, and recently married the startling Baby Clown, daughter of the William Clows of Lake Forest.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerard B. Lambert hustled down on Thursday from New York to spend the weekend at Carter Hall in Millwood, Va. Mr. and Mrs. Lambert have but recently returned from a trip to Nassau, and Palm Beach. The owner of "Yankee" is making plans to invade the small boat yachting field this spring with his International design, "Intruder."

R. J. Hubbard toured up to Cazenovia, New York from Boyce on Sunday to take part in a meeting of the Village Trustees of Cazenovia, New York. This was Alderman Hubbard's initial appearance in the august body and he returned on Tuesday, a full fledged politico with the district in his pocket.

The Delancey Nicolls had many of Orange County's Point-to-Point guests in after the races Saturday, among them the Sterling Larrabees, the Charles Cushmans, Mrs. Kenneth Jenkins, the Tom Glascocks, the Bobby Youngs, the George Roberts Slaters, the Bill Hulberts, the William Langleys, the Raymond Tarters, Mrs. Beverly Mason, Mrs. Ayres Starr, Mrs. Silvia Hazard, Mrs. Nor-

man Toerge, Dan Sands and Dr. Archie Randolph.

Others entertaining the same day were Mrs. Landon Moffett, who celebrated son Horace's double victory on Sky Painter, and Paul Llewellyn who was host at a luncheon before the races.

Too numerous to mention are all those who attended the many dinners hereabouts Saturday night. Those entertaining over The Plains way were the Oliver Filleys, the John Rawlings and Miss Clarissa Fleming while in Middleburg they were getting a square one at the Arthur Whites, the Charles Sabins and Sammy Sands and, up Upperville way, the William Langleys lights gleamed late.

Among those lunching with the Walter Freds in their Middleburg home last Sunday were Mrs. Florence Llewellyn, the Jack Duffeys, the Charles Sabins, and Jimmie Pennybaker. Rumor went the rounds of the Sunday revelling and many were the callers.

The Rose Tree Spring Meeting of the Rose Tree Foxhunting Club, in Media, Pa., on the 18th and 21st, promises to be one of the finest ever held from the standpoint of racing and real 'chasers running. Among those occupying boxes at this event will be Samuel D. Riddle, Maj. Henry Reed Hatfield and Mrs. Edward F. Beale. The two former occupy boxes which they have taken each meeting since the present old grandstand was built in 1881. Mr. Beal is an honorary steward.

Mrs. Norman (Kay) Toerge, who really enjoys herself down here in the hunt country more than many, will be missed, for she with her little Redmons has gone north, not to be back before next fall.

The Henry D. Whitfields have had a busy household of late, what with Mrs. Louise Whitfield, daughter down for a spell from her New York haunts, and life long friend of Louise's and Peter's (Mrs. Holger Bidstrup), Mrs. Henry A. (Barbara Monel) Hodder who is back in the Middleburg country for the first time in 'most twelve years. She is still as lovely as ever—she used to go to hounds so well—and is here with her husband, Mr. Hodder, to whom she was married a month ago April Fool's Day. The Hodders make their home in Colorado Springs; near there Mrs. Hodder has a large ranch, high in the Rockies.

Down for the races will come paradoxical flocks of the hunt-meeting minded who will week-end with friends. The Arthur Whites will have the Ivor Baldings. Mrs. Amory Perkins will have her son's friends, Johnny Hopewell, George Wilson and the Tophams all from Framingham Center, Mass. Mrs. Jane Fowler Bassett contemplates being here to see her Herro and Singing Water go. The Amory Carharts will be jam-packed with friends and race-fans. Richard "Dicky" Wallach has returned from the land of the long-needle pines and his Sandhills Race meetings to see how it's done in Middleburg. Miss Wilhemine Kirby's coming next week to stay North Wales style with Mrs. Page Biddle's chaperoning.

Mrs. John Hinckley just back on her shot over mare long enough to gather in the Pair Race trophies she and Miss Midred Gaines garnered, then high geared it to Washington with Jack and the William Doellers to the Fahnstock dinner. Beth Blaine wrote of her flowered print gown and four camellias,—some contrast from the rain soaked formal hunting finery of the winning side-saddler two hours before.

The Austin Niblacks wined and dined Herbert Pulitzer who was a guest of the James Simpkins last week, in Aiken, and were all among those dancing at the successful first annual Imperial Cup Ball of which Louis Stoddard, Jr., was chairman and Tommie Leiter and Miss Audry Campbell were also present. The James N. Andrews, Jr., are still in Aiken, and breakfasted many in "The Barn" one Sunday morning. A trophy in memory of the late Howell Howard was put up for play in the low goal polo there. Aiken and Aurora contested for the cup.

The Daniel C. Sands will have Mrs.

Woodrow Wilson as their guest at Benton for the Middleburg Races. The Austin Duvals, he the Speaker of the House of Delegates in Richmond, will come up from the Capital city of Virginia for the races as guests of the Sands, and will linger the weekend.

Back from wars and racing and training days in the Carolina have come Dion K. "Mike" Kerr, (improperly referred to in the current issue of Country Life as Mrs. Sands' son); Henry Frost and Sidney Waters. Jr. Mike has brought five good ones with him from the stables of the Verner Z. Reed's Sandy Hills. Henry will have Terry's Winner coming up here, he only got in Thursday, for the Middleburg Cup 'Chase. Young Sid Waters is to do a lot of riding of Jack Skinner trained mounts this spring, and will remain in Middleburg working them when Jack goes up to the big tracks.

Mrs. Marion du Pont Scott is home from her Aintree victory with Battleship to come along later to join her at Montpelier. Mrs. Scott will be in Richmond for the Deep Run Races, where she has donated a trophy, and will be here in Middleburg next week. Jack Skinner has some of her horses.

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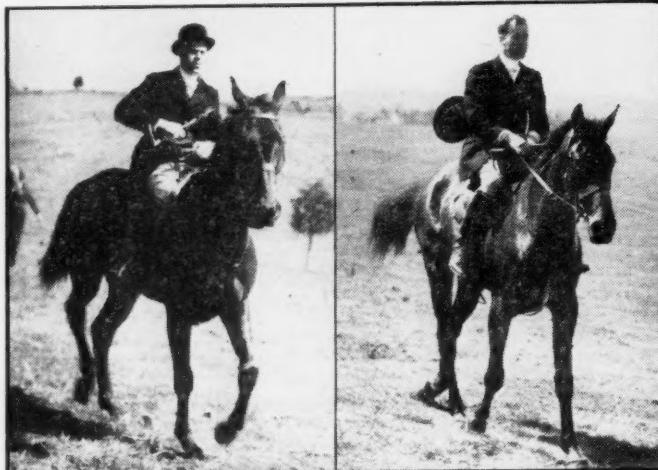
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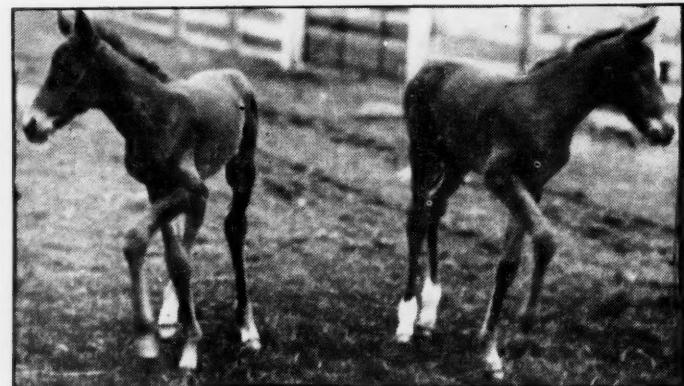
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DOUBLE FEATURE—TWINS IN STEP



—Hayes Photo.

Francis T. Greene on his Faint Glow was second in the Warrenton Point to Point. Six miles in some fifteen minutes takes a lot of doing in both horse and rider. At Warrenton, Mr. Greene went out and laid the pace for the first five miles, but he finished practically in a walk as seen at right, on a pretty "cooked" one, when Mrs. George Cutting with 125 pounds up won. Mr. Green paced the pair field at Orange County and made the best time of the day.



—Darling Photo.

Over at William H. Lipscomb's well known Raspberry Plain breeding establishment, near Leesburg, twin colts were born on March 18. These two, one bay and one chestnut, are growing vigorously, now three weeks old and thriving. One of these colts was larger than a normal foal at birth. Mr. Lipscomb has been a leading Virginia breeder at the Saratoga Sales for a number of years. One of his yearlings last year brought the highest price of Virginia-bred there, and fourth highest for the sales. Standing at Raspberry Plain now are Dunlin and Scotch Broom.

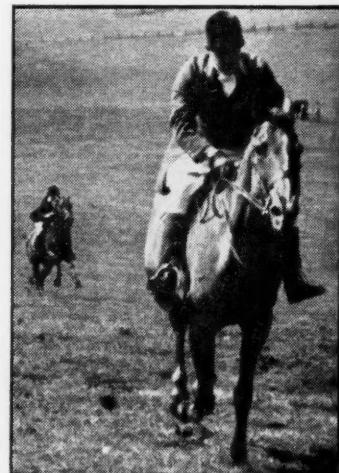
LAST YEAR AND THIS YEAR BOWL WINNERS



—Hayes Photo.

Crompton Smith, on Mrs. Smith's Gnomie and Horace Moffett on Mrs. John Hay Whitney's Sky Painter during the five and a half miles of Middleburg going, rode much of the way together. Mr. Smith won the Middleburg Bowl in 1937, while Mr. Moffett scored this year with Sky Painter for Mrs. Whitney. Sky Painter went on last week to turn back the best Orange County had in hunters and riders, while a stablemate Spar, with George Roberts Slater was second.

WINNING PAIR



—Morgan Photo.

William Streett is shown pacing home Miss Lucie Duer to win the Warrenton Pair Race. This team hit the fastest and most consistent lick across the 8 miles of country, to turn in the time of 26 min. 7 2-5 sec.

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